

# **IDAHO WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

## **FALL MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 25, 2005**

**BOISE, Idaho**

**Department of Finance Conference Room**

**State Capitol**

**Room 120**

9:00 am – 9:30 am: Coffee and Introduction of New Commissioners  
In attendance – Fran Dingel, Linda Hurlbutt, Sarah Bedke, Rayelle Anderson, Farhana Hibbert, Amy Taylor, Kitty Kunz

9:30 am – 10:30 am: Connie Davis met with us to discuss The Governor's Coordinating Council on Families and Children. Patricia Kempthorne had to cancel her appointment with us. Connie is the Generation of the Child fiscal manager. She gave us a copy of the organizational chart for the coordinating council. She is the policy person for the committee. The committee has a budget of 1.5 million each year through an agreement with the Health and Welfare Department. They use TANIFC funds and they were created by an executive order from Governor Kempthorne's second year. The council has approximately 50 citizens that meet quarterly and discuss how to help families and children.

Four years ago they applied for the Early Childhood development grant and was able to bring Early Childhood proponents together and the group developed a plan, then they received another federal grant to implement the plan. The program manager for Early Childhood is Lorraine Clayton.

The Generation of the Child has community collaboration grants available for up to \$5,000. They have \$200,000 set aside for these grants. These grants are reimbursement to groups that partner with the legal jurisdiction in a community. They have given almost \$800,000 in the last 4 years. These are renewable, but they must be complete and applied for anew.

They have held 7 roundtables around the state and 1 teleconference round table this year.

The Generation of the Child oversees most of the Parents as Teachers programs in the state. This program helps train parents how to parent. This is a statewide national program that has a curriculum for 205 year

olds. University of Idaho has demonstration projects that have received national recognition. The funds are for 3 demonstration projects and a director. 34 or the 37 sites in Idaho are funded through the Generation of the Child.

Some of the other projects are \$5,000 to Parents as Teacher for refugee families, Brightest Stars that have expanded to having Mayors make recommendations to the Governor with a statewide recognition, literacy programs that gives books to families, women's prison, and library summer reading programs, Red Flags an ISU program training communities on mental health issues, and a suicide prevention conference. On April 26-27 at the Boise Center on the Grove there will be a Governor's Round Table

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break

10:45 am – 11:45 am: We then introduced ourselves to each other. We also discussed the need for a representative in the Moscow/Lewiston area, because Carolyn Durant has left us. We are all going to work on developing regional seminars and projects in our regions. We can partner with other organizations to do these and the director of the commission will travel to the regions to help. Farhana Hibbert told us that the Hispanic Women's Conference would be in Pocatello in July or August. This may be something we can partner with.

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm: Lunch at Louie's Pizza and Italian Restaurant  
620 W. Idaho

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Patricia Williams from the Idaho Care Line came to update us. The Care Line is part of the Department of Health and Welfare. They are a 211 national information service created by a federal mandate to give women and children access to health and other issues. We had an 800 number state careline and this was developed into the 211 number. We are still working to make the 211 accessible through cell phones. We were the 4<sup>th</sup> state to come on line.

They have partnered with the United Way in Treasure Valley to help with the volunteer help for the needy. This has also developed into Katrina Relief efforts and is matching resources with needs.

Their largest volume of call deals with childcare and is the most difficult. They have 35 different areas of referral at this time. They have a goal to become 24/7 but at this time they only have funds for 8-6 Monday through Friday.

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Melinda Mobley and Marcia Liebich from the Sun Valley Leadership Institute then spoke to us. Their organization began with Bob and Melinda Mobley. David Holmes joined them. They provide leadership- and ethical training to individuals. Melinda would like to offer a women's conference for women. They would like to hold one in the Sun Valley Area if possible, but they are open to other areas. They have thought about calling it "Women as Effective Leaders a Great Catalyst for Change." They would like to target a broad spectrum of women including professional, volunteer, and stay at home mothers. Marcia is a neighbor of Melinda's and they decided to help each other put this together. We then brainstormed with them to help them develop ideas. We suggested that they should offer childcare, scholarships, look at a more accessible venue, and promote leadership in public office. We also suggested that they partner with the National Institute for Leadership and development and Leadership Boise.

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: There was a motion made by Linda Hurlbutt to have Kitty Kunz be the interim director and that she be paid for the work she does. The motion was seconded and passed. Kitty Kunz abstained from the vote. Fran Dingel will speak with Connie Smith in the Department of Administration. We then had an informal discussion on when to hold the next meeting. Kitty Kunz will try to find a Tuesday in February to hold the meeting. We decided that we would like to honor Representative Maxine Bell for this year. We then adjourned until February